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Promptness Prize -- 1942 Walking Liberty Half

Grand Prize-- 1/20 02 1945 Mexican 2 Pesos

1883-0 Morgan Silver Dollar

Ray's Tavern	GF 5 cents in trade	Green River, Utah
C.E.S. CO. No. 1	GF 1 Exploder	Hiawatha, Utah
E. W. Madsen	GF 5 cents in trade	Murray, Utah
A. S. Macbeth	GF 5 cents in trade	Ogden, Utah
White Elephant	GF 1 drink or cigar	Ogden, Utah
Peerless Store Co.	GF \$1.00 in trade	Peerless, Utah
American LRW Co.	GF 2-1/2 cents in trade	Salt Lake City, Utah
Combination Bar	GF 5 cents drink or cigar	Salt Lake City, Utah
Hotel Utah Cigar Stand	GF 12-1/2 cents in trade	Salt Lake City, Utah
Saltair Bar	30 cents	Saltair
Ward's Dairy	GF 1 quart milk	St. George, Utah

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Eric Hubbard

July 1998

HOT ENOUGH FOR YOU? It was not hot enough for me in April. I just came in from detecting and everywhere I went the ground was like concrete. Things are slowing down because of the heat, but I'm still hearing about some nice finds.

Just want to give everyone some advance notice about the picnic. Don't forget its in August! The Club is providing drinks and charcoal. Bring your own meat to B.B.Q. and a desert or salad to share. Bachelors or non-cooks bring chips. Its still in the same spot as previous years in Fairmont Park.

Bob Campbell will be our speaker this month. He'll be talking about cleaning and care of our finds, and acid dateing. If you have any buffalo nickels without visible dates, bring one and we'll give it a try.

See you on Thursday.

Eric

EDITOR'S CORNER

The deadline for submitting articles or ads for the August newsletter is Friday, August 14, 1998. Please forward all articles or ads to:

Fred Herring
2430 East Summer Oak Circle
Sandy, Utah 84092

I thank everyone for their cooperation.

Fred Herring

WAGON MASTER REPORT

By Dave Kyte and Don Bake

JUNE FINDS OF THE MONTH

CATEGORY	NAME	DESCRIPTION
U. S. COIN	Jeral Smith David Kyte	1899 Barber Dime 1929 S Standing Liberty Quarter
FOREIGN COIN	Rich Stroebel	1835 East India Comp Ore Quarter Anna
TOKEN	Garry Hertel	Snow Tate GF 5 cents Tooele, Utah
JEWELRY	Cliff Fausett	Silver spoon pin
ARTIFACT	Bruce Dugger Cliff Fausett	Dog doing a do-do Spring cyn watch fob
BUTTON	David Kyte	Early 1900's Eagle button
NON-METAL	Bruce Dugger	Porcelain doll
OLDEST US COIN	Bruce Dugger	1887 S Seated Liberty Dime
OLDEST US CENTS	Jeral Smith	1866 Indian Head
MOST VALUABLE US COIN	Duane Byland	1894 S Half Dollar - \$195.00
PEOPLES CHOICE BOTTLE	Bruce Dugger	Barber's Hair Tonic - turn of century

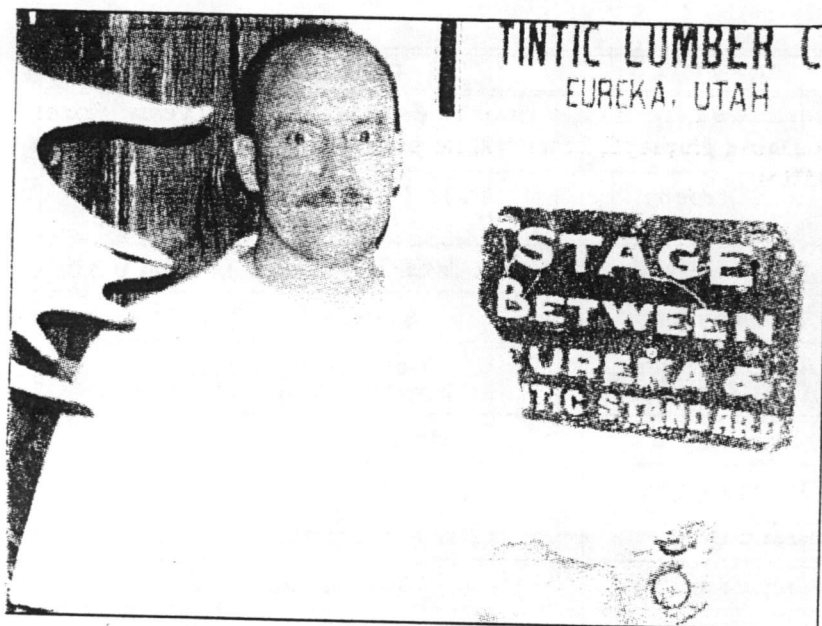
PRESENT POINT TOTALS

NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS
Bruce Dugger	147	Rich Stroebel	26
Dave Kyte	110	Bob Parker	22
Don Bake	84	Doyle McClain	13
Chris Benson	77	Garry Hertel	12
Jeral Smith	75	Tim Rose	9
Eric Hubbard	65	Karen Secor	4
Cliff Fausett	54	Duane Byland	4
Johnny Gallegos	34	Virginia McClain	2
Rob Kirkman	34	Bill Brown	1
Jeff Cornelison	30	Phil Lavorgna	1
Jerry Couch	29		

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE!

NEW ARTICLE

The following news article was received from Geneal Close and is from the *Utah Country Journal Orem Ear*.



Journal photo by Jeffrey LeSueur

COLLECTOR: Brent Sanderson holds an Elks Lodge badge that dates back to the heyday of the Tintic mining district. His grandfather drove for the stagecoach referred to in the sign hanging on the wall.

Lehi man mines for collectibles

Jeffrey LeSueur
Journal Correspondent

To descend into Brent Sanderson's basement is like taking a journey into the Old West: animal skins are draped over the antique chairs; antlers, vintage signs and pictures of western notables such as Porter Rockwell adorn the walls; curio cabinets display assorted treasures from a bygone age — guns, cups, candle holders and coins.

The Lehi man, who grew up in the heart of the Tintic mining district, now mines for objects of his own — collectibles.

with the Eureka or the Tintic mining district," Sanderson admits.

Almost every weekend, Sanderson drives south with his family to the Tintic mountains, where they scour the abandoned mines for tokens, badges, dogtags or any other remnants of the area's history.

"Since I was a kid I've always done this kind of stuff," Sanderson says.

During the week, he works as an auxiliary maintenance person at BYU. He's lived in Lehi for 22 years. But the call of the mines has never left him.

In a sense, mining is in

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Sanderson's blood. Both his father and his grandfather worked in the mines for a time. The first mine in the area was founded in 1869. For the next 60 or so years, several mines flourished, producing metals such as silver, gold, copper and bronze.

The mining industry began to dwindle, however, in the 1920s. By the mid '70s, Sanderson says, the last mine in the district was shut down.

But while the industry faded out, Sanderson's interest in relics from the area did not.

"We found some old dumps that the mines used to dump their garbage (in)," he says. "I go out there with a screen and shovel dirt into it."

Although his methods are unsophisticated, Sanderson has located numerous vintage badges, crosses and tokens, or coins issued by local businesses in the place of money.

Some of Sanderson's most prized possessions are the tokens, many of which are well preserved. One, for example, clearly reads "Smith Pool Hall" on one side, and "12 1/2 cents" on the other.

Sanderson's four children often accompany him on these digs. "They each have a collection of their own," Sanderson reports. His youngest daughter, Haley, age 10, has just recently become involved with the family hobby. She has helped her father find several tokens.

As diligent as Sanderson is in digging for relics from the mine, he sometimes purchases them outright from Eureka residents or other collectors. Recently, he located a Tintic mining report from 1935. The seller lived in St. Joseph, Missouri. "I don't know how [the report] ended up there," Sanderson says.

When asked if he can foresee a time when he'd lose interest in digging for more mining collectibles, Sanderson shrugs.

"I can't see a time when I'd stop. Even when we go four-wheeling or something it seems like all our outings end up [in the mining district]," Sanderson says. □

GENERAL RULES

(Note rule change #3)

1. Only N.U.T.S. members can enter items in the Find of the Month; however, non-members are welcome to display their finds or collections at the club meetings.
2. Entries in Find of the Month must have been found since the last monthly meeting (except for the February meeting in which items found since the November meeting can be entered - i.e., December and January).
3. A member *needs to be present* at the club meeting to enter his/her items.
4. At the January meeting, members may display their finds from the prior year. Prizes will be awarded for the three best displays; however, no points will be awarded for the Find of the Month competition.
5. An item can only be entered in the name of the person who actually found it. For example, if junior finds it, it must be entered in junior's name and not dad's name even if junior found it using dad's detector.
6. Only one item per category can be entered unless the items were found together and must remain together to make the entry complete. For example, a necklace with a gold coin attached would qualify as a single entry in either the jewelry or artifact categories. A group of coins found together cannot be entered as one item (except as a display). However, a group of coins attached or fused together would be one item.
7. If a member attempts to enter an item in a category for which the item does not qualify, the member will be asked to enter it in the correct category or remove it as an entry.
8. Questions about the Find of the Month competition should be directed to the club's Wagon Masters (who, as everyone knows, are both wise and enlightened).
9. Points for the Find of the Month will be based on the following system:

A.	First Place	4 points
B.	Second Place	3 points
C.	Third Place	2 points
D.	Entry of item in a category	1 point

The member with the most points after the November meeting will be named the N.U.T.S. Treasure Hunter of the Year. The winner will be announced at the December meeting.

FIND OF THE MONTH RULES - CATEGORIES

1. **COINS:** Any coin of legal tender minted in the U.S.
2. **FOREIGN COIN:** Any coin of legal tender minted in a foreign country.
3. **OLDEST U.S. COIN:** Oldest U.S. legal tender coin that is not a cent.
4. **OLDEST U.S. CENT:** Oldest U.S. legal tender cent.
5. **MOST VALUABLE U.S. COIN:** U.S. legal tender coin with a graded value of \$20.00 or more based upon an appraisal from a reputable coin dealer or the 1997 Black Book Price Guide of U.S. Coins. In the absence of an appraisal, the Wagon Masters will make the final determination as to the coins value.
6. **TOKEN:** Any commercial trade token good for some value in trade. (Does not include good luck tokens, presidential tokens, commemorative medallions, etc.)
7. **JEWELRY:** Any jewelry item including ring, cuff links, watch fobs, pins, necklaces, brooches, medallions, charms, etc.
8. **ARTIFACT:** Any man-made artifact including arrowheads, bottles, jewelry, etc.
9. **BUTTONS:** Any clothing fastener or snap (does not include advertising or political pin-on buttons).
10. **NON-METAL:** Any item not containing metal including bottles (without metal caps), marbles, arrowheads, plastic toys, etc.
11. **MOST VALUABLE BOTTLE:** Any bottle with a value of \$10.00 or more based upon a bottle book of values or the determination will be made by the Wagon Masters.
12. **PEOPLES CHOICE BOTTLE:** Any bottle.

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NOTICE: In my June talk, I was asked by several members where they could get information about collecting gem and minerals in Utah. I did not give much of an answer. I apologize.

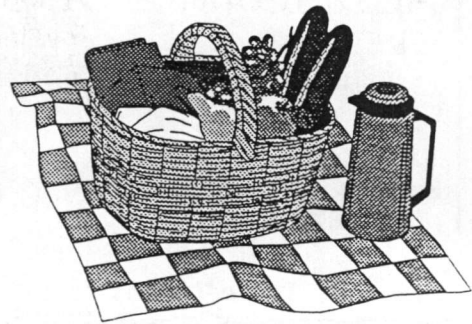
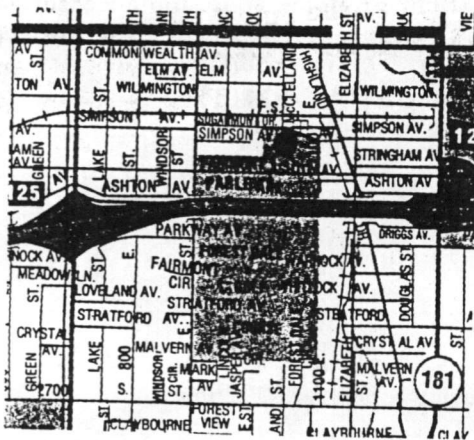
There is a very good booklet available at most book stores and some rock shops. "*Gem Trails of Utah*." It divides the state into four areas and describes what can be found in each with illustrations and good maps. The price of the book is approximately \$7.00.

Thank you - Doyle McClain

NOTICE: A club hunt is being planned for Kimberly, Utah in August. For details, call Dave Kyte at 568-0908.

ANNUAL 1998 N.U.T.S. PICNIC

The 1998 Annual N.U.T.S. picnic will be held on Thursday, August 27, 1998 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Fairmont Park, North Bowery. Everyone is asked to bring their own plates, utensils, meat and a pot luck dish to share with others. The club will furnish the charcoal and the drinks. **COME ONE, COME ALL, WE WILL HAVE A LOT OF FUN!!** Bring your monthly finds for the Find of the Month. See map below for directions.



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Meeting Held At:

**Redwood Multipurpose Center
3100 South Redwood Road
Salt Lake City, Utah**

Unless otherwise specified, meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of every month at 7:15 p.m.

